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BEGIN SUMMARY. LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION SUB-GROUP AT ITS DECEMBER
20 MEETING BEGAN COLLATION AND ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM
ITS SURVEY OF ON-GOING LOGISTICS COOPERATION/SPECIALIZATION
EFFORTS IN CENTRAL REGION. TENTATIVE SPECIALIZATION AREAS
FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION WERE IDENTIFIED. A SMALL WORKING GROUP
WAS ESTABLISHED TO CONTINUE ANALYSIS AND DEVELOP SUB-GROUP
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REPORTING FORMAL. US PROVIDED ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON ITS LOC PROPOSAL FOR SPECIALIZATION (SEE REF B)
AND PROPOSED TO HAVE SUB-GROUP RECEIVE EUCOM BRIEFING ON
LOC PROBLEM PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO DECEMBER MEETING OF SENIOR

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC). BRIEFING WILL BE HEARD AND DRAFT REPORT OF WORKING GROUP WILL BE PRESENTED AT NEXT SUB-GROUP MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR 29 JAN 74. END SUMMARY.

1. LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION SUB-GROUP MEETING HELD ON DEC 20 WAS CHAIRED BY MR. JOHN STONE IN BEHALF OF ABSENT ASST SECRETARY GENERAL TUCKER. MEMBERS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO COMPLETE THE COLLATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS FROM THE SUB-GROUP'S SURVEY OF ON-GOING LOGISTICS COOPERATION/SPECIALIZATION EFFORTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION. (COPIES OF SURVEY REPLIES ARE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.) WORKING GROUP IS COMPOSED OF ADMIRAL LACCETTI (INTERNATIONAL STAFF), COL KANNEGIESER (INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF), SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE, AND US REPRESENTATIVE (COL WITKO). SUB-GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO ANALYZE AND DISCUSS SURVEY RESULTS AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFY AREAS TO RECOMMEND FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION CONSIDERATION. GENERAL AREAS IDENTIFIED WERE FOR EQUIPMENT LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND FOR LOC SUPPORT. GUIDELINES FOR THE WORKING GROUP WERE BORADLY IDENTIFIED ALONG LINES REPORTED IN PARA 2 (REF A).

2. US PROVIDED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON ITS LOC PROPOSAL FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION. COMMENTS CONSISTED OF PROVIDING THE SUB-GROUP WITH THE STATEMENT AND NOTE WHICH THE US CIRCULATED AT THE NOVEMBER PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT (PBEIST) PLENARY SESSION (REF B), REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THE CENTRAL REGIONS' HOST NATIONS' CAPABILITIES TO SATISFY THE MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE US IN CARRYING OUT ITS PLANNED REINFORCEMENT OF EUROPE. US POINTED OUT THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED ILLUSTRATES THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN DEVELOPING ANOTHER AREA OF LOGISTIC COOPERATION WHICH CAN BE PURSUED UNDER LOGISTIC SPECIALIZATION.

COMMENT. LATEST REPLIES FROM CENTRAL REGION NATIONS TO SUB-GROUP INDICATE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT US LOC PROPOSAL IS A PROFITABLE AREA FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE VARYING VIEWS AS TO SUITABILITY OF SOME SPECIFIC TASKS WITHIN LOC PRO-
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POSAL.

END COMMENT. US ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE THE SUB- GROUP A BRIEFING ON ITS LOC PROPOSAL. THIS BRIEFING WAS GIVEN TO DECEMBER SCEPC MEETING BY EUCOM REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTAINS RESULTS OF A PRELIMINARY MEETING BY EUCOM REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTAINS RESULTS OF A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF EUROPEAN LOC PROBLEM. BRIEFING WILL ENABLE SUB-GROUP TO RECOMMEND SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN LOC PROPOSALS FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION.

3. DATE FOR BRIEFING AND NEXT SUB-GROUP MEETING WAS SET FOR 29 JAN 74 TO PERMIT WORKING GROUP TO COMPLETE ITS ANAYSIS AND DEVELOP OUTLINE OF REPORT TO BE MADE AT SPRING MINISTERIAL.

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